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TOPIC Military Information from Meissen

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. On 4 January 1954, the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch near Meissen was occupied to capacity by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. The majority of the troops was quartered in the north section of the installation area as most of the buildings in the other sections had not yet been reconditioned. Between 18 December and 4 January, 6 JS-2 tanks, mostly covered by tarpaulins, were continually seen in the barracks yard. Twelve JS tanks were in a shed. Two other sheds presumably were also occupied by tanks. On 18 December, 2 trucks towing 57-mm AT guns and 2 six-wheel armored personnel carriers were parked in the yard, while an undetermined number of troops serviced 2 JS-2 tanks in the vicinity of the sheds. Source did not observe any training activity. On 4 January, 1 T-34/85 tank entered the installation, while about 30 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets received basic training in the barracks yard.

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2. On 4 January, the barracks installation in Zaschendorf was occupied to capacity by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. Between 18 December and 4 January, source determined 40 to 60 rocket launchers in sheds and under lean-to roofs in the barracks area. (C-2) On 19 December, about 50 troops were seen marching, and, on 3 January, 10 trucks with trailers, [redacted] were parked, in the yard. At about 4:30 p.m. about 30 troops received basic infantry training and close-combat training, while another 40 troops engaged in physical training. [redacted] 25X1

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1. Comment. This information tends to indicate that the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch (1602) is occupied by the 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div. It cannot be determined, whether the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div is still stationed there. It may have transferred to Neues Lager (1523), Koenigsbrueck, in the fall of 1953. [redacted] troops with artillery insignia presumably belong to the 216th (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Tank Div.

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2. Comment. The existence of rocket launcher units in Meissen has now been confirmed by 4 sources. [redacted] and [redacted] 25X1A
[redacted] The number of more than 40 rocket launchers observed by 2 sources fairly definitely indicate the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army. It cannot yet be determined whether the unidentified rocket

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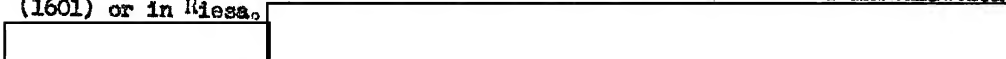


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launcher battalion of the 9th Tank Div is also stationed in this installation
(1601) or in Kiesa.

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